

The Daily Ardmoreite.

LUSITANIA TORPEDOED AND SUNK OFF THE IRISH COAST TODAY

WONDER OF THE SEAS AS TO SIZE AND SPEED GOES TO BOTTOM, BUT MOST OF HER PASSENGERS AND CREW ARE SAVED, SAYS UN-CONFIRMED REPORT.

Washington Alarmed Over Sinking of Big Liner and Officials Admitted that Situation is Most Serious Since Winning of the War—Vessel Sank Off Kinsale, Thirteen Miles South of Cork—Passenger List Included Many Wealthy and Famous People, Including Alfred Vanderbilt, Elbert Hubbard, and W. B. Choate of San Antonio—Ship Sank at 2:33 This Afternoon, But is Said to Have Been Struck by the Torpedo Several Hours Previous—Bombs Dropped on Constantinople by Russian Aviators Wednesday and Russian Black Sea Fleet Throws Shells Within Ten Miles of Constantinople.

London, May 7.—The steamer Lusitania, one of the wonders of the maritime world for its size and undisputed speed, master of the seas, carrying 1,310 passengers from New York, was torpedoed and sunk today off the Irish coast. It is reported that the passengers were saved, but this has not yet been confirmed. The total crew and passengers were nineteen hundred persons, including many wealthy and famous people.

A Liverpool dispatch late this evening says, it is not known there how many were saved. Most of the reports gave 2:33 this afternoon as the time of the vessel's sinking.

Some reports indicate that the torpedo hit her half an hour before the sinking, and other reports say she was hit several hours before sinking.

She sank off Kinsale, an Irish seaport, thirteen miles southwest of Cork near the entrance of St. George's channel, between Ireland and England, where the Trans-Atlantic vessels pass, going to Liverpool.

The passengers included Alfred Vanderbilt, who tore up a message of warning predicting this torpedoing just before the Lusitania sailed last Saturday, Elbert Hubbard and W. B. Choate, of San Antonio, Texas.

Drop Bombs on Constantinople  
Paris, May 7.—The first attack of the war on Constantinople is reported unofficially from Athens. It is said that three Russian aviators flew over the city dropping several bombs. The message says that the Russian Black Sea fleet dropped shells Wednesday within ten miles of Constantinople.

Turks Make Claims  
Constantinople, May 7.—The war office says that at Dardanelles, one of the enemy's battalions was annihilated Wednesday by the Turkish flank attack, at Atribureau, the enemy's strongly built entrenchments were captured. At Seboul Bahr, we inflicted heavy losses on the English, capturing great quantities of ammunition and ten machine guns.

French to Seize Wheat.  
Paris, May 7.—The premier announces that the French government is to seize all existing stock wheat, not because a bread shortage is feared, but to prevent speculation.

Prohibit Alcoholic Drinks  
Paris, May 7.—The Petit Parisien says, the government will prohibit the manufacture or use of alcoholic drinks absolutely during the progress of the war. He expects the passage of this bill soon.

Two More Ships Sunk  
London, May 7.—A German submarine yesterday sank the British steamers Centurion and Candidate off the Irish coast. The crews of both vessels were saved.

Famous General Dead.  
London, May 7.—Major General De Horsey, commander of the famous light brigade in the Balaklava charge, died last night.

FROST IN PANHANDLE.  
Dallas, Tex., May 7.—The weather bureau reports killing frosts in the Panhandle last night. The temperature was 30 at Amarillo.

Washington is Alarmed.  
Washington, D. C., May 7.—The news of the Lusitania's torpedoing hit Washington like a bomb. President Wilson showed anxiety as to whether Americans had been lost. The officials made no comment, but admitted that the situation was the most serious since the beginning of the war.

Russian Army Threatened  
London, May 7.—The Germans in concert with their Austrian allies are putting forth an effort the extent of which never has been approached in the history of the war. Throughout virtually the whole length of the eastern front they are engaged with the Russians, while in the west, in addition to their attacks around Ypres they are on the offensive at many points. At other points they are being attacked by the French, British and Belgians.

Far up in the Russian Baltic provinces, heretofore untouched by war, the Germans are attempting to advance toward Libau and Riga. On the East Prussian frontier they are engaged in a series of battles, and with a big gun are bombarding at long range, as they did Dunkirk, the Russian fortress of Grodno; in central Poland they have had to defend themselves against a Russian attack; in western Galicia they are attempting with all their strength to smash the Russian flank and compel the Russians to abandon the Carpathian passes which they gained at such cost during the winter.

In this western Galician battle the Germans claim to have made a still greater advance and to have crossed the Wisloka river, which is well to the east of the Dunajec river which until a few days ago formed part of the Russian front, and to have put their hands firmly on Dukla Pass.

In conjunction with this attack from the west the Austrians are attempting to drive the Russians from Lupkow Pass, further to the east, and with success, according to the German account. In all the Germans claim to have taken 40,000 Russian prisoners since the offensive was undertaken last Saturday night.

The Austrians put the number at more than 50,000, and express the belief that the whole Russian third army will be destroyed.

THE MAYOR COMMENTS ON LIGHTS AND ICE

SAYS THAT HE BELIEVES ARDMORE CITIZENS ARE PAYING TOO MUCH FOR BOTH ICE AND LIGHT. WILL INVESTIGATE.

Mayor Mullen states that he thinks the citizens of the city are being taxed too heavily by the Ardmore Ice, Light and Power Company for the electricity and ice they use, and according to a statement from him this morning he is going to take the matter up with the corporation commission and see if some relief cannot be granted. In speaking of the matter this morning, the mayor said:

"There have been several private plants installed in this city lately and I cannot see why the city should not own a plant of its own. For the month of April the cost of pumping water for the city was approximately \$250 for the electricity used to operate the pumps, and the bill for lighting the streets of the city was \$450, making a total of seven hundred dollars per month for electricity used by the city. At this rate the city would be paying the ice plant \$8,400 per year, which would be five per cent interest on \$164,000. Taking it for granted that it would take one half of what the citizens pay to operate the plant and the depreciation, it would still give a five per cent profit on three hundred thousand dollars. The electric plant and the ice plant combined have only two hundred and fifty thousand dollars capital stock. This is a matter that comes to the pocket book of every tax payer in the city, and I as mayor am going to give it a thorough investigation."

MOTHER AND SON DIED ON THE SAME DAY

FORMER RESIDENTS OF THIS CITY PASS AWAY IN NEW MEXICO — DOUBLE FUNERAL WILL BE HELD.

Judge I. R. Mason received telegrams yesterday from Hagerman, New Mexico, informing him of the death of Frank Vaughn, which occurred during the morning hours, and of the death of his mother in the evening. A double funeral is being held today.

The Vaughns formerly lived in Ardmore. Tom Vaughn was with Judge Mason when he was Santa Fe agent, and worked for him for a number of years. After leaving the office Tom went into the train service, and was killed near Dougherty in a wreck. The remains were brought here to the Mason home and interment was had in Rose Hill cemetery. Sterling Vaughn, a brother of the deceased, lives at Grady in Jefferson county, but Judge Mason has been unable to get into communication with him. The Vaughn family lived here for several years, and then went to Dougherty and from Dougherty to New Mexico.

Frank Vaughn was about 37 years of age, and his mother had reached the age of 70 years.

CAPTAIN EDRINGTON KILLED  
Former Confederate Soldier Killed in Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 7.—Captain W. R. Edrington, president of the Traders National bank and very wealthy, a former Confederate soldier, stumbled and fell before a string of freight cars on the railroad tracks here this morning and was killed outright.

The Want Ads Pay.

AUSTRO-GERMAN STUDENTS LEAVE

VATICAN ADVISES ALL STUDENTS FROM GERMANY AND AUSTRIA TO LEAVE ROME.

GERMAN SCHOOL QUILTS

Upon Receipt of Dispatches from Berlin, the German School in Rome Closed Suddenly Yesterday Afternoon.

Paris, May 7.—Italian dispatches say the Vatican has advised all German and Austrian ecclesiastics and theological students to leave Rome immediately.

German Families Leave.

Rome, May 7.—Upon receipt of dispatches from Berlin, the German school in this city suddenly closed yesterday afternoon. The teachers, several German newspaper correspondents, and also several German families left immediately for Germany.

COUNTY LAID OFF INTO STOCK DISTRICTS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT THEIR MEETING YESTERDAY FIXED THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES AS SUCH.

The petition of twenty-five freeholders of Carter county, to the board of county commissioners, requesting the board to district Carter county into stock districts, was granted, and the board laid off the county into the following subdivisions:

Stock district number one, township one south, range three west, township one south, two west.

Stock district number two township 2 south, range 3 west, and township 2 south, range 2 west.

Stock district number three, township 3 south, range 3 west, and township 3 south, range 2 west.

Stock district number four, south half township 2 south, range 1 west, sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, township 2 south, range 1 east, township 3 south, range 1 west; sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, township 3 south, range 1 east.

Stock district number five, sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36, township 2 south, range 1 east, sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36, township 3 south, range 1 east; sections 1 and 2, township 4 south range 1 east, and south half of township 2 south, range 2 east; township 3 south, range 2 east; township 3 south, range 3 east.

District number six, township 4 south, range 2 east, township 5 south, range 2 east, exclusive of the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

District number seven, all of township 4 south, range 3 east, and township 5 south, range 3 east contained in Carter county.

District number eight, all of township 4 south, range 1 east, except sections 1 and 2, and township 5 south, range 1 east.

Stock district number nine, township 4 south, range 1 west, township 5 south, range 1 west.

Stock district No. 10, township 4 south, range 2 west, and township 5 south, range 2 west.

District number eleven township 4 south, range 3 west, and township 5 south, range 3 west.

Have you a house or a room you wish to rent? It will cost but thirty cents to rent it—try the want ads.

CITY WAS IN DARKNESS LAST NIGHT

COAL OIL LAMPS AND THE PRIMITIVE CANDLE WERE THE ONLY MEANS OF ILLUMINATION. WILL HAVE REPAIRS MADE TODAY.

Last night for the first time in a number of years the city was in almost total darkness as far as electric lights were concerned, with the exception of the two privately owned plants and what coal oil lamps and candles that gleamed from houses, the city was in entire darkness. The officials at the light and power plant stated this morning that the necessary repairs would be completed some time this afternoon and the lights and power furnished the city. Last night was partly cloudy and there were many anxious glances toward the dark cloud in the southwest just before sundown last night, but when the sun set in a bright blaze, all fears of another storm were dispelled. The mercury dropped rapidly last night, the maximum yesterday registered at the local observatory was 67 the minimum 46, the total rainfall yesterday was 1.23 inches. The average yearly rainfall for this section is 32 to 36 inches; to date nearly half this amount has been reached. Reports from over this section of the state today are to the effect that the principal damage done by yesterday's storm was in this county, Ardmore being the heaviest loser. No loss of life has been reported and no other serious accidents but those reported yesterday. All patients injured yesterday are getting along nicely. In the storm district east of the Santa Fe tracks in the fourth ward, a mother had an exciting experience with her infant child. When the storm struck the house and demolished it, she became separated from her child which was located later underneath a mattress, unhurt, the mother Mrs. Thornton, was so frightened that although she knew where the baby was, she could not tell the neighbors and only after a search was the child discovered by some boys and restored to its mother.

It was reported that a heavy storm prevailed north of the city in the vicinity of Springer, but reports from there last night do not confirm this rumor. A heavy rain fell in that neighborhood, but there was no wind to speak of. The furthest point north the storm reached in this city seems to have been at the dairy of L. West, where a silo was blown down, but nothing else in that neighborhood was disturbed. Insurance adjusters are in the city today and the property owners who suffered yesterday, have been at work cleaning up the debris and getting ready to rebuild. While the property loss in the city was heavy yesterday, every citizen considers the city fortunate indeed that an appalling loss of life did not follow in the wake of the storm.

HEAVY LOSS OF RIGS IN OIL FIELD

A SECOND WINDSTORM LAST NIGHT DESTROYED PROPERTY WORTH SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS.

The rain cloud which reached here yesterday evening about 7 o'clock from the west brought a storm to the oil fields. The storm earlier in the day did no damage to the field, but the second storm destroyed seven rigs and damaged others. Will Scrivner's store at Dundee was blown from its foundations. The fury of the storm passed to the south of Wirt and did no damage there. Reports of the damage were made to Kirkpatrick & Hinkle, who carry much of the oil field insurance.

CONCEDES TO ALL DEMANDS

INDICATIONS AT CHINESE CAPITAL TODAY THAT CHINESE WILL CONCEDE TO DEMANDS.

FOREIGNERS TO LEAVE

Some Chinese, As Well As Practically All Foreigners, Prepare to Leave in Expectation of War — Japan Modifies Demands?

Peking, China, May 7.—There is good reason to believe that China is preparing to concede everything demanded by Japan, realizing that the situation is hopeless. This possible outcome is not generally comprehended here, where many foreigners and also some Chinese are packing their personal belongings and preparing for war.

Japan Modifies Demand.

Tokio, May 7.—It is reported that at the last moment, Japanese elder statesmen modified the demands on China, especially the questions about the munitions advisors, in which the United States was much interested. The Japanese diplomats believe that China will submit, but nevertheless they are rushing warlike preparations.

Ultimatum Presented Today.

Peking, May 7.—The Japanese ultimatum was presented to China shortly after three o'clock this afternoon. It insists that China accede to the modified Japanese demands.

United States Takes Hand.

Washington, May 7.—The United States within the last twenty-four hours through its ambassadors has consulted England, France and Russia on the present Chinese situation.

THIRD WARD PUPILS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL

DECISION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WHO MET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. WILL USE VACANT ROOMS AND AUDITORIUM.

The school board met yesterday afternoon to decide what disposition would be made with the pupils of the third ward school who lost their building in yesterday's storm, for the balance of the term. The board decided to utilize the vacant rooms and auditorium for the remaining three weeks of the term, and request all teachers and pupils to report to the high school Monday morning, where they will be assigned.

As soon as the insurance on the building is adjusted, the work of repairing it will begin. The insurance adjusters will be here today and it is expected that all matters will be settled.

President Heffner of the school board stated this morning that it would be impossible to have the building ready for occupancy again this term, and for that reason were making the best shift possible. It is stated that there is ample room in the high school building for the accommodation of the third ward pupils.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., May 7.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Saturday is fair.